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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

W. M. Little, a lawyer, while mentally deranged, shot and seriously wounded Wm. L. Dodd, at Birmingham, Ala. —— Former President Cleveland is yet far from well. —— Interstate Commerce Commission decides against the railways in the case of the Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association versus the N. & W. R. R. and others. —— Encouraging news has reached the State Department at Washington from Buenos Ayres; it is believed there will be a peaceful settlement of the Chili-Argentine dispute. —— The live stock exhibit at the Charleston exposition will open early in January; it will be the largest ever held in the South. —— Almost the entire business portion of the town of Dunlow, W. Va., destroyed by fire; loss $75,000. —— Secretary Long has discharged Edgar Stanton Maclay from his position in the Brooklyn navy yard. —— The Filipino General Samson, with other insurgent chiefs, surrendered. —— Germany has not yet delivered an ultimatum to Venezuela. —— The revolution in Venezuela is spreading. —— Two men killed and one man wounded in a street duel at Dingess, West Virginia. —— Gen. Miles declines to discuss the reprimand given him by the Secretary of War. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 2½@3 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8 9-16c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 39 degrees; 3 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 01; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 3.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—For North Carolina fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday increasing cloudiness, probably rain and colder in western portion; fresh south winds.

Port Almanac—December 25.

Sun Rises	7.09 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.51 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport.	6.59 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	9 24 A. M.

A merry Christmas, but don't be so merry that you will be sorry for it to-morrow.

It is said that Germany is going to take a hand in the Nicaragua canal question, and if Germany does Germany might put her foot in it.

If Admiral Schley appeals to the President, as it is intimated he will do, it may put Mr. Roosevelt on the ragged edge, where Long was, and had to crawl out by quashing further proceedings.

There is a Kansas man who labors under the hallucination that he is the husband of Miss Helen Gould. But as Helen doesn't share in that hallucination it doesn't help the Kansas man's bank account much.

A Chattanooga man claims, after working sixteen years on it, to have invented an apparatus which will locate ships at sea, at a distance of sixty miles apart, and by which they can speak with each other as people on land speak over a telephone.

The English newspaper correspondents in South Africa who were with the arm are howling because it is proposed to give them the same kind of medals as those given to the mule drivers. They are kicking at the classification, and we don't blame them.

Not satisfied with the grip they have on the meat supplies, the Armour and Swift companies have been cornering all the eggs in sight in the West, and now have 15,000,000 dozens piled up in their cold storage houses. Of course people who get any of these eggs will have to shell out.

Relief works are being established in Berlin to feed the thousands of unemployed workmen in that city. And yet, strange to say, the statesmen there, to promote the interests of the landlords, have framed a tariff bill which will add immensely to the cost of foodstuffs.

The wheat crop of Manitoba this year amounts to 50,502,000 bushels, an average yield of 25.1 bushels per acre, which is nearly twice the average yield for the United States. But that is a new country. Ten years from now, unless they do better farming than American farmers have done, the yield there will not be more than it is here now.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. B. Farrar is here to spend the holidays.

— Miss Lilly Everett has come home from Portsmouth, Va.

— Mr. W. A. Dunn is at home from the V. P. I., at Blacksburg, Va.,

— J. O. Carr, Esq., is spending Christmas at his home in Duplin county.

— Miss Ruth Fearey left yesterday for Hartsville, S. C., to spend the holidays.

— Mrs. A. S. Holden has returned from Florence. Her niece is improving.

— Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Richardson, of Whiteville, were in the city yesterday.

— Miss Jennie Jackson, of Florence, S. C., is the guest of Mrs. Laura Van Patten.

Miss Minnie Boone, of Hamlet, N. C., is the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Nathan Williams.

—Mr. T. Alex. Baxter, chief clerk at The Orton, is spending Christmas at home at Ridgeway.

— Messrs. William M. Peck and A. M. Hart have gone to Charleston to spend Christmas.

— Miss Nellie Faison returned to her home at Faison yesterday after a visit to Mrs. T. F. Simmons.

— Mr. Dawson Latham went to Clinton yesterday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. W. N. Cronly.

— Mr. Calvin S. Blackwell, Jr., son of Dr. C. S. Blackwell, is at home from the University to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Charles Elliott, of Washington, is here on a visit to his parents, Col. and Mrs. Warren G. Elliott.

— Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Farrior, of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. Farrior's parents, Maj. and Mrs. T. H. McKoy.

— Kinston *Free Press*, 23rd: "Mrs. J. C. Wagner and children, Masters Johnnie, Charles and baby, and Miss Blanche Cordes left this morning for Wilmington to spend the holidays.

VERY SMALL BLAZE.

Lamp Upset in Residence On Grace Street

A Good Joke On the Chief.

The fire department was called out at 8 o'clock last night by an alarm from box 25. The cause was the upsetting of a lamp in the residence at No 213 Grace street, occupied by W. D. Hall and owned by Mrs. H. L. Sloan. Damage to furniture, $15; to the building, $10.

Chief Schnibben comes in as the subject of a good joke. Yesterday afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock, he turned in an alarm from box 1:24, at the Cape Fear Lumber Company, it being the custom to turn in one round each afternoon as a test. But on this particular occasion the Chief did not succeed in getting the "shut off" plug in and a regular alarm was sounded. After a long run to the box the several companies were informed by Chief Schnibben that it was an accident and they could return.

Stevedoring Without License.

Capt. H. L. Philpot, of the schooner *W. P. Hood*, and John Hurst, colored, were bound over to court by Justice Fowler yesterday on the charge of stevedoring without license. The former gave a $50 bond, with Mr. W. N. Harriss as security, and the latter was recognized. The warrant was sworn out by Mr. Hans A. Kure.

Not Much Disorder.

A few arrests were made by the police last night for plain drunks, but Chief Furlong says this Christmas has been free from very great disorder, and the people are behaving remarkably well.

Armeria in Port.

The lighthouse tender *Armeria*, of this lighthouse district, was in port yesterday. The *Armeria* is here on her quarterly visit. She takes supplies to lighthouses, lightships, etc., all along the coast.

The First Assembly.

The date of the first "Assembly" has been set for January 10th. The affair will doubtless be the social event of the season. Kessnich's Band of Richmond has been engaged for the occasion.

Remember the Carriers.

Readers of the STAR are asked not to forget the carrier boys with their Christmas carols this morning. They present them only once a year.

— During the week ending yesterday, the Register of Deeds issued 21 licenses, 18 to white couples and 8 to colored. Yesterday three were granted to white couples and the same number to colored.

It's Not Too Late

for you to get a nice present to give in return. I have sold a large quantity of novelties and other nice goods, but still I have a nice line to select your New Year's gifts from. They are too numerous to mention. J. T. Burke, the jeweller, 27 South Front street. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. A. Springer & Co.—A card.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fireworks.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Merry Xmas.

THE MERRY YULE-TIDE

The First Christmas of the New Century Was Ushered In Most Auspiciously.

A DAY OF FEASTING AND FUN.

Everything Propitious for the Celebration of the Grandest Holiday in the Calendar — Services at the Churches.

All over the Christian world the birth of the Prince of Peace was reproclaimed to-day, and happy Christmas carols ring out and mingle with the sweet chimes of the Yule-tide in introducing the first Christmas of the Twentieth Century. The holly, the mistletoe, the bright happy fires, the splendid feasts and all those accompaniments will, of course, be in evidence on every hand. In Wilmington everything points to a delightful observance of this, the greatest of all holidays in the calendar. The Christmas spirit was more manifest in Wilmington yesterday and last night than in several seasons. Christmas eve was joyfully celebrated and the cares of the world seemed to be cast aside in order to join in the great merrymaking.

The principal streets and thoroughfares were crowded all day with holiday shoppers as they passed to and fro making their purchases, and it was late last night when the streets assumed their usual quiet.

The small boy, and larger ones too for that matter, gave themselves over to cannon crackers and everything else that was noisy, and thus with a din and rush was ushered in the Christmas of 1901, hallowed by so many sweet memories.

The display by the merchants was much more elaborate this year, and judging from all indications the season has been a success with them. The sun came out and took up a more permanent position, and the weather was simply ideal after the severe spell which has just been experienced. Every year brings new and attractive novelties, and this season was no exception. The retail stores have had their inning for the past few days. The wholesale dealers came in for their share of the big business just prior to that time. Now that the greater portion of the business is over the season of lasting and fun has set in.

The Yule-tide is the merriest of the merry, and everybody, old and young, great and small, is joining in the general throng in contributing to make Christmas the pleasantest and greatest of holidays.

Suspension of Business.

There will be a general suspension of business in the city to day and only a few places will be kept open. The Postoffice will observe Sunday hours. The carriers will make an early morning collection and delivery. The general delivery and registering departments will be open from 9 to 10 o'clock. The Custom House, exchanges, offices in the City Hall and Court House, banks and all wholesale houses on the wharf will be closed for the day.

Church Services To-day.

At St. James' Episcopal the holy communion will be celebrated at 7:45 o'clock. Morning services and sermon at 11 o'clock. Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield officiating.

At St. John's Episcopal, holy communion at 8 A. M. Morning services and exercises at 11 o'clock. Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., officiating.

At St. Paul's Episcopal, morning services and sermon at 11 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Dickenson officiating.

There will be Christmas services with special music at St. Paul's Lutheran, Sixth and Market streets, at 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt officiating.

At St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral, Father Dennen officiating, the first mass will take place at 6 A. M. and at 10:30 A. M. high mass will be celebrated.

Services will be held at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, corner of Sixth and Queen streets, at 11 o'clock A. M.

POPULAR YOUNG ORGANIST.

Miss Ola Mitchell to be Presented With a Handsome Gold Watch To-day.

Miss Ola Mitchell, the popular and highly esteemed young organist of the Brooklyn Baptist Church, has a most pleasant surprise in store. Early this morning at the residence of Rev. J. J. Payseur, her brother-in-law, she will be presented with a gift from the members of the church, a handsomely engraved gold Elgin watch and brooch to match, in token of their love and fond appreciation of her faithful services as organist.

Mrs. W. B. Duke conceived the idea and it was through her efforts that the money for the gift was collected. Mrs. Duke will make the presentation this morning on behalf of the congregation.

Miss Mitchell is a music pupil of Miss Cannie Chasten, and graduated from the Tileston High School in the class of 1901. The gift is a merited recognition of her faithful services to the church.

Breezy Times Coming.

Mr. Harry Heller, advance agent for the "Breezy Times" Company, is in the city. His show will be here on Wednesday night, January 1st. Mr. Heller says the company playing "Breezy Times" is strictly first-class and carries sixteen people. They have an orchestra.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS.

Two Popular Young Couples Plighted Their Troths at the Hymeneal Altar.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Ida Ward. The contracting parties were Miss Lillie Ward and Mr. William Pleasant McGlaughon, two popular young people of this city.

The bride was becomingly attired in white organdie, daintily trimmed with ribbon and chiffon.

Miss Daisy King and Mr. Hersey McGlaughon, brother of the groom, were attendants.

The house, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion, presented an unusually festive appearance. Rev. J. N. Cole, pastor of Grace M. E. Church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large company of warm friends, after which a very delightful repast was served. Many beautiful and useful presents attested the popularity of the happy young couple.

They left on the seven o'clock train for Norfolk to spend their honeymoon. They will be at home after January 1st at 813 North Fourth street.

At one o'clock at the same home, Mr. Ed. Franck, of Richlands, was married to Miss Hattie Wilkins, who has been boarding with Mrs. Ward for a long time. They were served with a sumptuous dinner, and left on the 2:25 train for the groom's home in Onslow county.

McIntyre—Loftin.

At 8 o'clock to-morrow morning Miss Daisy McIntyre and Mr. Joseph Loftin will be united in marriage by Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D. They will leave at 9:30 on the W. & W. train on a bridal tour.

THE FANTASTIC PARADE.

Will be One of the Features of To-day. Many Ridiculous Characters.

One of the most interesting celebrations of Christmas day will be the fantastic parade this morning and to-night by the members of the Carolina Athletic Club. The parade will leave the hall at Front and Princess streets at 10:30 A. M. and 8:30 P. M., and will pass through the principal streets.

The following is a list of those who will be in the parade and the characters they will represent: C. F. Duffy, leader; George Paraley, "Farmer John;" James Gause, "Farmer John's wife;" Walter McIntire, "Captain of ragtime football team;" Paul Cantwell, "African cowboy;" Sam Lodor, "Have you seen George;" Willie Peschau, "Chief of fire department;" Earnest Peschau, "Young America;" Clarence Mills and Emmett Crow, "drummer boys;" Chauncey Southerland, "belle of darktown;" Clarence Myers, "Sally from Wrightsboro;" James Duffy, "Farmer John's Son;" Norwood Orrell, "rough rider;" Cleveland Galloway, "Bowery tough;" Zack Bell, "Mary had a little lamb;" Norwood Huske, "Pat from Old Ireland;" Willie Smith, "bugler boy;" Q. B. Satchwell, "sporting lady;" Haywood Faison, "Wearey Willie;" Louis Moore, "Santa Claus," and many other funny characters.

The parade will be given under the direction of Chas. F. Duffy, president of the club, and Paul Cantwell, vice president. It will doubtless furnish much amusement.

FARMERS STILL IN HOPE.

Recent Cold Snap May Not Have Done So Much Damage in Georgia and Florida.

[*Savannah Morning News.*]

Farmers about the city have not yet been able to determine definitely the extent of the damage done their crops by the cold snap. Some damage of course has been done, but the growers still hope it will be comparatively small. A day or two of warmer weather will be needed to reveal the extent of the loss.

Cabbage is the principal crop now in the fields, though there are small crops also of beets, carrots, turnips and the like, intended for sale in the local market. The crops for the most part are hardy ones, and there is some hope that the loss to the growers will not be large. It is feared, however, that they will suffer heavily.

The reports received by the Southern Express Company and the railroads from Georgia and Florida indicate that the vegetables were frozen and that they will not recover from the cold. The spell of low temperature continued too long to admit of the vegetation recovering.

At Tampa the temperature fell as low as 24 degrees. Such cold as that, if it lasts long, is too much for vegetables. Oranges, too, could not withstand it, and the fruit was frozen on the trees. The trees themselves, officials said, were not killed.

Mr. Sam J. Springer.

Mr. Samuel J. Springer, son of Mr. J. A. Springer, has been admitted to membership in the firm of Messrs. J. A. Springer & Co., wholesale and retail coal dealers, on North Water street. For some time past Mr. Springer has been bookkeeper for the firm and the announcement that he has been admitted into the firm is an acknowledgement of his business ability and it will be gratifying news to his many friends.

A Monster Tramp.

The British steamship *Gymeric* 9,598 tons, Captain Thomson, arrived yesterday from Baltimore and was docked at the Champion Compress. She is a monster tramp steamer and is the largest vessel that has visited this port this season. She came light from Baltimore.

SHOT IN SELF DEFENCE

Walter Silva and Bud Green Were Severely Wounded Last Night.

BROKE INTO CHAPMAN'S STORE

The Two Men, Crazed With Drink, Tried to Put the Place On the Bum and the Proprietor Fired Into Them.

Walter Silva, a young white man who has appeared so conspicuously in the City and Criminal Courts for the past year or two, was shot about 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening by James' Chapman at the latter's store at Second and Brunswick streets, and he is now at the City Hospital in a serious condition.

Silva and an infamous negro named "Bud" Green went to Chapman's grocery and saloon and began raising a disturbance. Both were under the influence of whiskey. Chapman found it necessary to put them out of the store twice on account of their disorder, and the third time he put them out he locked the door. The men became desperate at this juncture and attempted to break in at the door and window. Chapman warned them and told them if they broke in and attempted to do him any harm he would resort to his pistol. The door was then smashed in and as the two men made for him, Chapman fired at them. Silva fell with a 38-calibre bullet in his head, and the negro, after giving a yell which signified that he was shot, jumped out of the store.

The police were notified immediately and Chapman was taken to the City Hall and Silva, who was unconscious, was carried to the hospital. Chapman was recognized for his appearance, as he acted wholly in self-defence.

A telephone message from the hospital at midnight informed us that Silva was resting more easily, the bullet did not break the skull, and unless there was a concussion, he would probably recover. However, his true condition cannot be ascertaind before to-day.

Silva was sent to the county roads at the last term of the Suprior Court for thirty days, he having been found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. His time expired to-day and he came to the city from Castle Haynes and began drinking with the negro "Bud" Green, who is serving out a sentence on the roads.

The negro came in a cart and had a box of Christmas goods for Mr. Shearin, who is in charge of the stockade. He has disappeared, but the mule and cart were found at Eleventh and Castle streets. On the bundles was found a few traces of blood, which would indicate that the negro were wounded and probably fell from the cart. Chief Furlong had his men on a close lookout for the desperado last night, but up to an early hour this morning he had not been found.

Both Silva and Green are men of very bad reputations and Chapman is not blamed for using the defense which he did.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Christmas tree exercises will be held at Blackwell's Chapel to-night.

— The Clyde steamship *Navahoe* arrived yesterday from New York.

—British steamer *Wandby*, hence for Liverpool, arrived out yesterday.

— Handsome patent gold gas fixtures have been installed in the Clerk's office at the City Hall.

— The Commercial Cable Company is distributing among its patrons a very attractive calendar.

— The calendar issued by M. W. Divine & Co. for 1902, is one of the handsomest received at the STAR office.

— Christmas being a general holiday, no work will be done in the STAR office to-day, and there will be no issue of the paper to-morrow.

— The funeral services over the remains of Emile John, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schnibben, were conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with interment at Oakdale.

— Sipio Mack, colored, employed by the Wilmington Gas Company, was arrested yesterday for digging on both sides of Front street, between Ann and Nun, at the same time.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CARD.

Notice is hereby given that Sam'l J. Springer has been admitted to membership in our firm.

J. A. SPRINGER & CO.
dec 25 1w

The Unlucky Corner.

New Goods.

Malaga Grapes, Cocoanuts, Cream of Wheat, Oranges.

Great Big Fish Roe Cheap.

Preserved Ginger, Loose Buckwheat, Prepared Buckwheat, Fresh Saratoga Chips, Fancy Red Cranberries, cleaned Currants and Raisins, Fine Glace Citron.

S. W. SANDERS,

Both Phones 189. oct 25 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

"A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL."

Thanking you for past favors we ask a continuance of the same.

Mercer & Evans Co.
dec 25 tf

Fireworks to Burn.

You Pay the money, we furnish the blaze.

The third and last call. Pay me a visit to-day. As the people are becoming wise and know who to patronize so you can readily understand without asking the question why our stock is fast decreasing. Don't play the part of a snail.

Confectioneries, Fruits and Fireworks of all description.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,

304 Princess Street.

Bell 'Phone 680. Inter-State 122.
dec 21 tf

Xmas Goods!

Xmas Goods!

My Line is now all out. Call and see it before buying.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET,

dec 15 tf 107 Market St.

Bagging and Ties.

Salt on hand and cargo to arrive.

Molasses,

Imported and Domestic.

Cheese, Full Cream.

Sardines, Salmon, Cakes. Dunlap Meal.

Corn, Oats, Hay. Lime, Cement.

The Worth Co.
nov 18 tf

Execution Sale.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of New Hanover county in an action wherein the Chicago Organ Company is plaintiff and Robert Bronson defendant I will on Monday, the 6 h day of January 1902 at 12 o'clock M. at the Court House door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the the said Robert Bronson, defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit: Beginning in the western line of Twelfth street 80 feet from the northwestern intersection of Dock and Twelfth streets, and running thence northwardly with said western line of Twelfth street 60 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Dock street 99 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Twelfth street 60 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Dock street 99 feet to the western line of Twelfth street, the beginning, the same being parts of lots 4 and 5 in Block No. 160, in the city of Wilmington, N. C.

FRANK H STEDMAN, Sheriff.
dec 4 tf we

Rust Proof Seed Oats.

400 bushels R. P. Seed Oats.
2,500 bushels Mixed Oats.
4,000 bush. Mixed and White Corn.
100,000+ lbs. No. 1 Tim. Hay.
158,000 pounds Hoop Iron.
1,500 Good 2nd hand Machine Bls.
500 bbls Molasses (all grades).
250 kegs Wire Nails.
300 kegs Cut Nails.

We have also en route genuine Aristook County, Maine, Seed Potatoes.

We are headquarters in our line. Get our prices.

D. L. GORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Drugs.
120, 122 and 124 North Water Street.
dec 17 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Help.

Did you ever go shopping and have only a vague notion of what you wanted? Suppose you think a little of the Goods we mention. Perfume and Toilet Soap, a very large assortment; Hair Brushes, Combs and Mirrors in great variety; Puff and Soap Boxes, some beauties. Toilet Cases from 25c to $5.00 each. We have scores of other articles appropriate for gifts, and we're anxious to have you examine our line.

HARDIN'S PALACE PHARMACY

dec 15 tf 126 South Front street.

FOR RENT,

Dwellings, Stores, Offices, &c.

an 22 tf D. O'CONNOR.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Esquimaux

Don't have much use for stoves. A fire in the middle of a snow hut, with an infinitesimal hole for a chimney, is good enough for them. But such an arrangement wouldn't be considered "just the thing" in this latitude. Here people need stoves and we keep them for sale—Parlor Stoves, Kitchen Stoves, Small Bedroom Stoves, and many odd sorts. The prices are adapted to persons with non-millionairish purses, too.

We have, too, a complete stock of Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Ammunition, &c.

J. W. Murchison & Co.,

ORTON BUILDING.
dec 5 tf

SEASONABLE GOODS.

MULLETS, new catch.
Best Cream Cheese,
Martin's Gilt Edge Butter,
Bagging and Ties.
SALT.

A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.

Sole agents for ROB ROY FLOUR.

McNAIR & PEARSALL.

FOR CHRISTMAS!

WE HAVE

CANDY, CAKES, NUTS,

Raisins, Apples,

Oranges, Cocoanuts.

Also a full line of Canned Goods in connection with our regular stock of heavy groceries.

Write to us for prices.

Williams Bros.
dec 6 tf

Cocoanuts! Cocoanuts!

Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Apples,

Sugar, Coffee, Flour, Meal and Molasses.

Also a full line of case goods. Prices right. Treatment fair.

PETER McQUEEN, Jr.,
dec 3 tf No. 108 North Water St

SIXTEENTH SERIES

NORTH CAROLINA HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

The first instalment of the sixteenth series of the North Carolina Home Building Association is payable on Saturday, January 4th, 1902. All desiring stock should subscribe at once as only a limited number of shares will be issued.

FRANK H. STEDMAN,
Secretary and Treasurer.
dec 18 3t we

Just Arrived

A CARLOAD OF

HORSES AND MULES,

the good kind, at the old price. I am still selling

Buggies and Harness at Cost.

If you want any of them in this line come and see me.

F. T. MILLS.
dec 21 tf

Coarse Salt.

1,016 Bags, 200 pound, Salt.
811 Bags, 180-pound, Salt.
915 Bags, 100-pound, Salt.
881 Bags Table Salt.
18 Barrels Table Salt.
919 Barrels Good Flour.
318 Barrels Best Flour.
21 Tubs G. E. Butter.
1,511 Bushels N. C. Peanuts.
847 Bushels Va. Peanuts.

W. B. COOPER,

Wholesale Grocer.
806, 810, 812 Nutt street, Wilmington, N. C.
dec 22 tf

ONE CAR

Vaughn's Improved Early Ohio

Seed Potatoes

just received in prime condition. Other varieties to arrive. Let us book your orders at once as the demand will doubtless be large.

Provisions and Groceries

in great variety. Get our prices.

HALL & PEARSALL,

(INCORPORATED.)
Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants. dec 10 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FRUIT CAKE

What reposing thoughts of comfort,
To find whe- y u partake,
The fruit you bought at Berman's
Made such delightful cake.

Seeded Raisins, packages 10c.
Cleaned Currants, packages 10c.
Citron, pound 20c.
Figs, pounds 20c.
Bananas, large, dozen 20c.
Cocoanuts, each 5c.
Mixed Nuts, pound 15c.
Black Walnuts, peck 25c.
Mixed Candy, pound 10c.
Chocolate Drops, pound 20c.
Malaga Grapes, pound 20c.

Oranges and Apples Galore.

Remember our motto:
GOOD AS THE BEST.
BETTER THAN THE REST.

H. J. BIERMAN & CO.,

Bell 'Phone No. 33. 215 Market Street. dec 17 tf

Shirt Flannel!

Brown, Blue, Grey, 25c yard.

S. & B. Solomon
dec 15 tf

To Dealers!

In stock ready for delivery below manufacturer's price

50 Small Tubs "Clover Hill" Brand "BUTTER."
100 Boxes Geo. Harkson's "CHEESE."
"STOCK'S BEST" FLOUR.
"PITTSBURG'S BEST" FLOUR.
"SILVER COIN" FLOUR.

Sole Agent—
CREMO, RENOWN, TOPICALS, CUBAN BLOSSOMS, "MATUH IT" CHEROOTS.

Vollers & Hashagen.

PROVISIONERS.
dec 22 tf

SWEET CREAM AND ICE CREAM.

E. WARREN & SON.
dec 24 1y

Sol Bear & Co.,

Leading Brands.

RYE WHISKEY,

Duff Gordon Sherry,

North Carolina Scuppernong Wine,

"Schlitz"

FAMOUS MILWAUKEE BEER.

Bell 'Phone 198. Inter-State 202.
dec 21 tf

Wanted, Furs.

5,000 Raccoon Skins.
5,000 Fox Skins.
5,000 Opossum Skins.
1,000 Mink Skins.

And Furs of all description. Highest prices paid. Quotations furnished on application.

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,

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"PROTECTIONISM GONE MAD."

When the Philippine tariff bill was under discussion in the House of Representatives, we called attention to and commented upon some of the duties imposed upon some of the principal products of the islands for which there is a demand in this country. Those duties are practically prohibitory and will make commerce between those islands and this country impossible, while the framers of that tariff pretend a desire to promote trade with them. A strange way to encourage trade when articles shipped from this country are subjected to fifty per cent. less duty than Philippine products shipped to this country are, that is if similar articles are produced in this country. Those things which are not grown in this country, and, therefore, do not compete with our products are admitted on a low duty or free. But such articles are mostly of a perishable nature which would not stand transportation across the Pacific.

As a tariff intended to regulate trade or to raise revenue, this Philippine tariff would be a farce, if it wasn't something worse. The nonpartisan press of the country is almost solid against it, and denounce it in unmeasured terms, not only as unjust to the people of the Philippines, but as an inexcusable discrimination between them and our other late acquisitions. The New York *Herald* which publishes from day to day letters from citizens commenting upon this tariff, published one last Saturday on which it editorially comments as follows:

"The letters received by the *Herald* about the proposed reimposition of the full Dingley duties upon importations from the Philippines reflect keen and widespread feeling of opposition.

"A correspondent whose views are presented in another column this morning contends that as the Supreme Court has decided that the Philippine Archipelago is not a foreign country, and since it belongs to the United States, its products should be admitted free, like those of Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

"What chance is there that the arrogant high protectionist majority in Congress will heed the appeal for a reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar and tobacco when it arbitrarily imposes a practically prohibitive duty upon similar products from the Philippines? Governor Wood urged that the Cubans be permitted to freely exchange their sugar and tobacco for the necessaries of life which we produce—urged it not only on grounds of humanity, but as necessary to the preservation of peace in the island; and President Roosevelt indorsed this with the statement that 'we are bound by every consideration of honor and expediency' to do this.

"Yet in the closing argument which preceded the passage of the Philippine Tariff bill in the House on Wednesday evening Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who is a member of the Committee on Rules, declared that so long as his party remained in power there would not be, either by revision or by reciprocity, any modification of the Dingley tariff that would work injury to any one American industry. The applause with which this suggestive statement was greeted by the Republicans indicates that the majority is opposed to any relaxation of the 'protection' enjoyed by favored interests through the measures proposed by Representative Babcock or through reciprocity treaties so strongly advocated by President McKinley, and that, in face of impending starvation and insurrection in Cuba, there will be no concession which could offend the domestic sugar and tobacco interests.

"The treatment of the Philipines is peculiarly harsh and mischievous Only six weeks ago the tariff framed by Governor Taft and his associates on the commission went into effect. It provides not only for import duties in the archipelago, but also for export duties on hemp, tobacco and sugar. Having imposed these taxes, the commission in the annual report, just published in Washington, 'earnestly recommends' that the Dingley duty on these products arriving from the Philippines be cut down one-half, urging that this would increase trade with the United States and 'strengthen the bonds between the Filipino and American peoples." During the last fiscal year we got but one-tenth of the trade with the islands, our total both ways falling short of $5,500,000.

"For what are we every year spending eighty or ninety millions and sacrificing thousands of human lives in the archipelago if we are to prohibit trade with it? And is it not virtually prohibiting trade to impose an export tax on sugar, tobacco or hemp at Manila and then at New York demand that it shall pay full Dingley duties, as if they originated in some foreign country in which we have no interest?

"The argument that this is necessary to procure revenue with which to cerry out public works in the Philippines is ridiculous. Where is the revenue to come from if the commerce from which it might be derived is thus suppressed? The correspondent whose letter we print this morning makes the startling statement that consumers of cordage and the farmers who use binding twine in the United States are paying 12 millions a year over the normal prices because of the higher prices of hemp. It is impossible to convince the American people that the inhuman and disastrous policy of the majority in Congress is inspired by any loftier motives than to serve certain powerful protected interest It is protectionism gone mad with the pride that goeth before destruction and the haughty spirit that precedes a fall."

If there is anything to which the Republican party is thoroughly committed and to which it will stick tenaciously it is protection, not simply protection against "the pauper labor" of foreign countries, of which we heard so much in 1890, when the McKinley tariff bill was under discussion, but protection high enough to prevent the competition of any foreign products which might compete in the home market with the products of this country. And yet they have the cheek to talk about reciprocity, "the handmaiden of protection."

The writer of the communication on which the *Herald* comments calls attention to the recommendation of Mr. Roosevelt in behalf of Cuba, but it will be remembered in this connection that the late President McKinley as urgently appealed to Congress in behalf of Porto Rico and pointed out our "plain duty" to those people, and then Congress threw those "plain duty" recommendations into the waste basket and levied duties upon Porto Rican products coming to this country, although at that time the trade of the island was paralyzed, as a result of the war, and the change of sovereignty. McKinley's plea for Porto Rico had no more effect on them when it came into contact with the protected interests than the whistling of the wind would have had, and neither will President Roosevelt's plea for Cuba have, for the sugar and tobacco men have entered their protest, as they have against sugar, tobacco, hemp, &c., from the Philippines.

What mockery to talk about encouraging the development of those islands when they deliberately and in the face of most earnest protests and arguments against the injustice of it pass tariff laws to make development impossible. What man with sense enough to keep out of the fire would invest money in industrial enterprises there when a tariff wall is raised against the products of those islands which would effectually keep them out of our markets? Americans will not go there with their money and energy to be discriminated against as if they were foreigners living in a foreign country, but still under the American flag.

These tariff tinkers act on the principle that the Philippines are something to be squeezed like an orange, get all that is to be gotten out of them regardless of our "high aims," our elevating endeavors, all of which are to culminate in that beautiful fruition commonally called "benevolent assimilation," which has had some pretty rough knocks since Mr. McKinley invented it. "High aims," elevating endeavor and benevolent assimilation don't count for much when they run up against the political interests which chip in to Republican campaign funds.

NO PEACE IN SIGHT.

The extraordinary activity and boldness shown by the Boers of late, the numerous fights with the British, the aggressiveness they show and the obstinacy with which they contest every foot of ground have convinced the British people and the Government that the prospect for peace in South Africa is remote, and this is not a nice thing for the British people to contemplate about Christmas time, when the average Englishman wants to be merry.

The Government has been trying to delude them with reports that the Boers could not possibly hold out much longer, and that it was only a question of a little time when they would accept the terms that might be offered and lay down their arms, but that day seems as far off now as it did twelve months ago, when the end of the war was thought or represented to be in sight. Now fifteen thousand more troops are to be sent as rapidly as possible, which is probably more men than the Boers have under arms.

The remarkable thing about this fighting and holding out by the Boers against such superior numbers is where they get the arms and war supplies, as they have no ships to run blockades and no factories to manufacture them, and yet it is said they are well supplied with them. Some of them can be accounted for by the captures they make from the British, but those would not be sufficient for them to wage the harassing war they are waging. Another remarkable think about it is how when their commanders are killed, wounded or captured, others apparently equally as able, bold and resourceful, are found to take their places, although they are an agricultural and pasteral people, who made no study of war and knew nothing about it before they were forced into it. But they have displayed wonderful management, and have taught the British commanders a good many things in the art of war that we didn't know, and their commanders will probably have to learn a great deal more before they complete the task assigned to them.

COMING THIS WAY.

North Carolinians are not of an excitable temperament and maintain their mental equilibrium when other people would run wild. If the gold discoveries that are made in this State from time to time were made in some Northern State there would be thousands of people out with pick and shovel and washers, and yet these discoveries cause scarcely a ripple of excitement even in the neighborhood where they are made. The same is true of other precious minerals and stones, of which some very valuable finds have been made.

The oil fever has spread from Texas to Louisiana, Alabama. Mississippi, Georgia and other States, but it is only recently that our people have begun to show any interest in prospecting for oil, and that is very little. It is reported that companies have been organized to bore in Craven county, and also in Buncombe, in opposite extremes of the State. Referring to this the Winston *Journal* says:

"Geologists and oil ologists have always contended that was every reason for suspecting the presence of oil and gas on the east slope of the Appalacchian mountains as on the west. The geological formation is practically the same and outside of an actual test by deep drilling there is no way to determine the question.

"There is at Walnut Cove the same coal formation that exists throughout the West Virginia oil and gas fields and there isn't a practical oil man in this country that wouldn't argue that the territory north and east of Winston was 'greasy.'"

North Carolina was probably the first State in the South in which an effort was made to "strike oil" just after the war. In 1866 a company was organized in Greensboro which employed some expert well borers from the oil field in Pennsylvania, and they began operations near Madison, in Rockingham county, but they had the misfortune to select a spot underlayed by an almost impenetrable sand stone which none of the steel drills of that day were a match for. The boring stopped there in that rock, and the company concluded it was too big a job. But the "indications" were considered good. Fortunately for experimenters the whole State is not underlaid with that kind of rock, and some persevering borer may yet go deep enough and strike the oil-bearing strata.

Mr. Maclay, the historian, declines the invitation to resign. He says the job he holds in that navy yard isn't such a big one, but he is going to stick, and he don't believe they can bounce him. If he be given the "trial" he demands it might result in some interesting information, for he may have some documents up his sleeve. As they are aware of this they may not comply with his demand for a trial,

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That German inventor who has discovered a process for making steel about twice as hard as the hardest steel now in use and at about half the cost, has started for Pittsburg to show the steel men there what he can do. If he isn't careful and hasn't his secret well guarded, some of the fellows there may steal his discovery and be making his steel before he knows it.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Sir Thomas Lipton has been telling King Edward the friendly things Roosevelt said to him about England and her sovereign, and the King says he greatly admires our Ted. This is the season for international, as well as other compliments, we suppose. Everything "goes."—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— There is a famous American with an income of $30,000,000 a year who lives on crackers and skimmed milk, who cannot drink wine, smoke cigars, drive horses, sail on his yacht or do other things still more desired in the life worth living. What healthy laborer at a dollar a day or clerk at ten dollars a week would change places with the invalid John D. Rockefeller?—*Macon Telegraph, Dem.*

——The extraordinary activity in the steel trade and the resulting benefit to labor is shown by the fact that last Saturday the Carnegie Steel Company paid its employes over $500,000 for labor during the latter half of November. Every mill showed an increase of output, and the record of big pay days by the greatest steel company in the world was smashed to flinders. "Steel is either prince or pauper," is one of Mr. Carnegie's oft-quoted sayings, and just now its royalty is not to be questioned.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

—— Nothing is surer than the overproduction of beet sugar in the near future. The bounty paying nations are inviting industrial disaster for products. The best thing that could happen alike to producers and consumers in the United States would be the placing of a check upon improvident investment by opening our markets to the free entry of sugar from Cuba and the Philippines, and at the same time reducing the duty on refined sugar so as to bring the profits of the Sugar Trust within reasonable rates.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mrs. Caroline Smith died at her home in Hope Mills Sunday morning, aged 74 years.

— Winston *Republican*: The colored Methodist church was burned at Mount Airy, N. C., one day the past week. It was a new brick building of handsome design and was recently finished at a cost of $6,000, with $2,000 insurance.

—Statesville *Mascot*: Union Grove township is said to have largely increased the acreage of wheat sown this Fall over last. W. P. Sharpe, of that township drilled for himself and others 148 acres, while one of his neighbors, Wm. Campbell, put in about 100 acres. These are only two of the many drills in the township.

— Roxboro *Courier*: "Farming don't pay." Did you ever hear that before? Mr. W. G. Rogers, of Roseville, in answer to our question as to what the condition of the farmers in his section was, replied, "that he did not know how others were situated but as for himself, it had been a good year for him; that he bought his farm of 179 acres and that his crop of tobacco this year would pay for it—that is, he would make enough on this crop clear to pay for the farm."

— Henderson *Gold Leaf*: What appears to have been a deliberate case of murder was committed at the Stewart Contracting Company's granite quarry near Greystone Monday night. A negro woman named Louisa Durham was shot and killed by Anthony Williams, also colored. It appears that the woman was sitting in her door "mouthing" about some body having taken her child, when Williams called out, "You d——n b——b, if you don't shut up I'll kill you." at the same time firing off his pistol The ball took effect in the woman's body, killing her. The man was arrested and a preliminary trial was held before Justice of the Peace T. L. Jones, who bound Williams over to the next court without bail.

— Danbury *Reporter*: A pitiful case indeed is that of Mr. J. G. Neal, of Meadows, who is well known in the county. He has become violently insane, and last Saturday night during the terrible storm of wind and rain he burned his house and all his personal effects. Fastening himself inside the building with a gun in his hands, he would possibly have perished in the flames but for the arrival of Mr. Geo. Neal and others who burst open the door and rescued him. Several times afterwards he rushed back into the burning house, each time the neighbors bringing him out with force. He was brought to Danbury Sunday and placed in a corridor in the jail for safe keeping until arrangements can be made for conveying him to the State hospital.

Even Ruts Have Their Uses.

Life's monotonies are a blessing, and not in disguise, for they contribute directly to longevity, health and happiness. The long lived man is not the adventurer, the explorer, the plunger, the man who has worries, but he who takes the world as he finds it and slips along through life with as little friction as possible, forms easy going habits, sticks to them and cares not one straw for the opinions of men who say that he is in a rut. He is healthy because he has peace of mind and regularity of life; he is happy because he is healthy and in a good, smooth, comfortable rut, which he prefers to the macadam on the sides of the road. Goldsmith's pastor, who had spiritual charge of the deserted village, who ne'er had changed nor wished to change his place, is an excellent example of the man who makes the most possible out of the monotonies of life.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Peasant Costumes In Ireland.

A certain number of peasants in the wilder and remoter districts of Ireland still wear something like a national costume. About Lough Mask plenty of the lasses are to be seen in picturesque red petticoats that artists loved to bring into their sketches of Irish life. A sprinkling of the old high hats may be seen. The older fishermen wear them, but the younger school shun such antiquated headgear, as the English peasant of today does the smock frock. —London Express.

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy. Price 50 cents. †

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TWINKLINGS.

— It is curious that thermometers should be so low when there is such a great demand for them—*Roanoke Times.*

—Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Did you say he is a man of stable habits? —Mr. Crimsonbeak —Yes; he kicks like a mule.—*Yonkers Statesman*

— "Why is it that you suffer so much from indigestion? Have you had a bad cook?" "On the contrary, too good a cook!"—*Heitere Welt*

— "Ef you mus' resk yoh money," said Uncle Eben, "don' shoot craps Save it up an' put it in de stock market, whah de police ain' takin' no notice."—*Washington Star.*

— "Why did you murder your wife?" asked the missionary of the cannibal king. "Because she put no doylies under the finger bowles at the table," howled the savage.—*Baltimore World.*

— "So you are on an automobile trip!" said the friend. "Where are you going now?" "I couldn't say for certain," answered Mrs. Cayenne, "whether it is home or the emergency hospital."

— Discreet: Jay—"Yes, sir, when I was in New York a sharper robbed me of $50." Hay—"Why didn't you call a policeman?" Jay—"Well, I thought $50 was enough to lose."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— French Professor—"Ah, yes, mademoiselle, you spick ze French wizout ze least accent" Miss Breezy—"Real kind of you to say so, but do I really?" "Oh, yes! Zat ees, wizout ze least French accent."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Up to Papa—"Children" said the father, facing the ordeal manfully, "this is your new mamma." "Was that the best you could do, papa?" asked the youngest, casting a critical eye on the new member of the family.—*Chicago Tribune*

—"A man just called, doctor, an ugly fellow, who asked if you were in, and said he wanted to give you a horse-whipping." "Well, and what did you tell him?" "I said I was extremely sorry, but you were not at home!"—*Der Dorfbarbier.*

—Mistress—That was a very nice letter of Patrick's offering you marriage. May—What shall I say in reply for you? Mary—Tell him, mum, if you plaze, that when I get my wages raised next month, mum, I'll begin to save for the wedding things.—*Tit-Bits.*

HE MEANT WELL.

An Obliging Man Who Made an Embarrassing Mistake.

A young editor took an apartment on South Twelfth street. The landlady said frankly to him: "I will tell you, sir, that my husband is a worthless fellow. I have to support him, and he sometimes comes home very late, drunk. There is no other objection to my house." The editor said this was no matter and thought no more of it until a few nights later, when a great uproar in the street awoke him. He looked out of the window and saw a man lying on the doorstep shouting ribald things. "The husband," thought the editor. "I'll go down and let him in."

He ran forth in his pyjamas, grabbed the husband by the neck and, jerking him into the hallway, proceeded to drag him up stairs. But the man made strong objections to this treatment. He howled oaths and abuse, kicked, struggled, even pulled out a handful of the young editor's hair, but this was in vain, for the youth is strong and of a determined mind, and he was bound that he would do his landlady a good turn.

He had got perhaps three parts of the way up stairs with his burden when two heads were poked in the dim light over the balustrade, and the landlady's voice said, "Why, Mr. Blank, what are you doing?"

The editor panted as he took a fresh hold and at the same time ducked a sharp uppercut: "I'm bringing your husband up, ma'am. He's drunk again, I'm sorry to say."

From the other head on the landing these words then issued in a deep bass voice: "What do you mean, young feller, by 'drunk again?' I'm this lady's husband. That man doesn't belong here."

Instantly realizing his mistake, the editor dumped his charge out into the street again. Then he returned and apologized lamely to the rightful husband for his strange words.—Philadelphia Record.

How "The Autocrat" Popped.

It was on the Common that we were walking. The mall, or boulevard, of our Common, you know, has various branches leading from it in different directions. One of these runs down from opposite Joy street southward across the whole length of the Common to Boylston street. We called it the long path and were fond of it.

I felt very weak indeed, though of a tolerably robust habit, as we came opposite the head of this path on that morning. I think I tried to speak twice without making myself distinctly audible.

At last I got out the question, "Will you take the long path with me?" "Certainly," said the schoolmistress; "with much pleasure." "Think," I said, "before you answer. If you take the long path with me now, I shall interpret it that we are to part no more." The schoolmistress stepped back, with a sudden movement, as if an arrow had struck her.

One of the granite blocks used as seats was hard by—the one you may still see close by the gingko tree. "Pray, sit down," I said. "No, no," she answered softly. "I will walk the long path with you."

The old gentleman who sits opposite met us walking arm in arm about the middle of the long path and said very charmingly, "Good morning, my dears." —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Turning the Tables.

"Turning the tables," in the sense of bringing a countercharge against an accuser, has a classic origin. In the days of Augustus Imperator a regular craze seized the men of Rome to compete with one another for the possession of the costliest specimens of a certain description of table made for the most part of Mauritana wood inlaid with ivory—"mensarum insania," or table mania, as Pliny called it. They were sold at most extravagant prices. When the men accused the ladies of sumptuary extravagance, the latter naturally retorted by reference to the money squandered by their lords on these tables and so "turned the tables on them" by throwing them metaphorically in their teeth.

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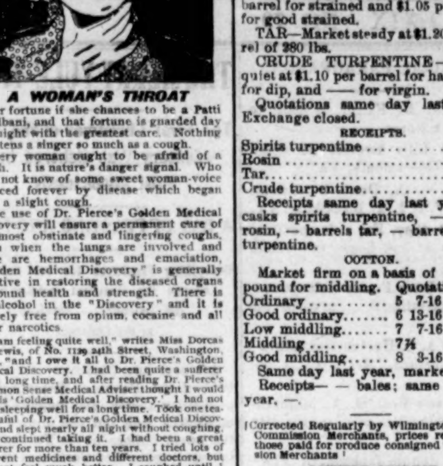

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"Always read your contract. A man might consider he was getting a sinecure if he were offered a position picking blossoms off a century plant; but, you see, he wouldn't have a remunerative occupation if he were paid on piecework.

"Be not overcritical. Even the most ordinary sort of a genius can tell when the other fellow is making a fool of himself.

"Remember that the young man, like the angler's worm, is rather better for being visibly alive.

"Be careful in the choice of your surroundings. Environment will do a great deal for a man. For example, flour and water in a china jug is cream sauce; in a pail on the sidewalk it is billsticker's paste.

"Don't forget that there's a time for everything and that everything should be done in its proper time. Never hunt for bargains in umbrellas on a rainy day.

"You may make enemies. If you know who they are, don't mention them. Silence is golden. It saves the money that might otherwise be spent in defending a libel suit. If you don't know who they are—well, abuse lavished on a concealed enemy is like charity indiscriminately bestowed. It's a good thing wasted."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Puzzler.

Tibbetts—So you do not believe in the emancipation of woman?

Burton—Well, it is just here. Man is the superior being. But how is he going to show his superiority if woman is his equal? That's what I want to know. —Boston Transcript.

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Hams ℘ ℔	12½	@	14
Sides ℘ ℔	9	@	10
Shoulders ℘ ℔	9	@	9½
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Sides ℘ ℔	9	@	9½
Shoulders ℘ ℔	[illegible]	@	8¾
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Second-hand, each	1 35	@	1 35
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BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℘ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℘ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	22	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	75	@	76
Virginia Meal	75	@	76
COTTON TIES—℘ bundle	1 25	@	1 30
CANDLES—℘ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
COFFEE—℘ ℔—			
Laguyra	11	@	12½
Rio	7½	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℘ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℘ bunch of 5 ℔s		@	0
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Mackerel, No. 1, ℘ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℘ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℘ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℘ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℘ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℘ barrel	3 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ℘ pork barrel		@	7 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℘ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℘ ℔	6	@	10
" Extra	4 00	@	5 00
FLOUR—℘ ℔—			
Low grade	3 00	@	3 25
Choice	3 50	@	3 75
Straight	4 00	@	4 25
First Patent	4 50	@	4 75
GLUE—℘ ℔	8	@	10
GRAIN—℘ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	78	@	85
Mixed Corn	76	@	84
Oats, from store (mixed)		@	55
Oats, Rust Proof	75	@	80
Cow Peas	85	@	90
HIDES—℘ ℔—			
Green salted	4	@	5
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ℘ 100 ℔s			
No 1 Timothy	1 00	@	1 05
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	1 00
Western	90	@	95
North River		@	1 00
N. C. Crop	75	@	80
HOOP IRON, ℘ ℔		@	3
CHEESE—℘ ℔—			
Northern Factory	12½	@	14
Dairy Cream	12	@	13½
Half cream	10	@	12½
LARD, ℘ ℔—			
Northern	9¾	@	12½
North Carolina	10	@	12½
LIME, ℘ barrel	1 10	@	1 25
PORK, ℘ barrel—			
City Mess		@	18 50
Rump		@	18 50
Prime		@	18 00
ROPE, ℘ ℔	11	@	22
SALT, ℘ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		@	90
American		@	90
On 125 ℘ Sacks	50	@	60
SUGAR, ℘ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¼	@	5¾
Standard A	5	@	5¼
White Extra C	4¾	@	5
Extra C, Golden	4¾	@	4½
C Yellow	4	@	4½
LUMBER (city sawed) ℘ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℘ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	32
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	29	@	31
Porto Rico, in barrels	29	@	33
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	17	@	27
NAILS, ℘ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 40	@	2 50
SOAP, ℘ ℔—Northern	3¾	@	4
STAVES, ℘ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℘ M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 50
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	8 50
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℘ M 6x24 heart	6 25	@	7 00
" Sap	5 50	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 50	@	4 00
" Sap	2 50	@	3 00
WHISKEY, ℘ gallon Northern	1 00	@	2 10

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 00 per barrel for strained and $1.05 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $1.10 per barrel for hard, $2.00 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Exchange closed.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	20
Rosin	129
Tar	92
Crude turpentine	79

Receipts same day last year— — casks spirits turpentine, — barrels rosin, — barrels tar, — barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7⅞c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5 7-16 cts ℘ lb
Good ordinary	6 13-16 " "
Low middling	7 7-16 " "
Middling	7⅞ " "
Good middling	8 3-16 " "

Same day last year, market closed.

Receipts— — bales; same day last year, —.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish, 70@75c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 13@14c; sides, 13@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 20@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 20@22c; springs, 10@20c.

TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 12@12½c; live, 9@10c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Money on call was firm at 2½@8 per cent., the market closing at 3 per cent. asked. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills 485⅝ for demand and at 483⅛ for sixty days. Posted rates 484@484½ and 487½. Commercial bills 482⅝@483⅛ Bar silver quoted 55¼. Mexican dollars 43⅞. Government bonds irregular. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 108⅞; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109⅛; U. S. 3's, reg'd 108½; do. coupon, 108⅝; U. S. 4's, new reg'd, 139⅛; do. coupon 139½; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 111⅜; do. coupon, 112⅞; U. S. 5's, do. reg'd, 107¼; coupon, 107⅝; Southern Railway 5's 123. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 101⅛; Chesapeake & Ohio 46½; Manhattan L 133¼; N. Y. Central 165⅜; Reading 50; do. 1st pref'd 80; do. 2nd pref'd 59⅛; St. Paul 162; do. pref'd, 187; Southern R'way 33⅜; do. pref'd 92⅜; Amalgamated Copper 67; Am'n Tobacco —; People's Gas 100⅜; Sugar 105⅛; Tennessee Coal and Iron 62; U. S. Leather 11⅜; do. pref'd, 80¼; Western Union 90⅛; U. S. Steel 42; do. preferred 92¼; Mexican National 13⅜; American Locomotive —; do. preferred —; Standard Oil 690@695; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 62; do. preferred, 122.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26¼@26⅜; do. preferred, 49⅛@50; do 4s 85¼@85⅜

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36¾c; receipts 1,333 casks; sales 377 casks; exports — casks Rosin firm; receipts 5,534 barrels; sales 4,345 barrels; exports — barrels

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of four to seven points under fairly active selling for both accounts, started by weakness in the Liverpool market and heavy receipts at the ports. January sold down to 8.14, March to 8 24 and May to 8.29. Foreign selling orders were something on the decline; the South furnished little business to its representatives here. Just when shorts appeared to have everything their own way, active Wall street buying set in and soon forced the active options a point or so over last night's bids, with the market showing pronounced strength. Liverpool responded to our rally with reluctance. The South turned buyer on the advance, picking up late months as a general thing as against sales of spot cotton to exporters. For the rest of the session the market had an irregular movement, and while far from weak, repeatedly gave way before liquidating sales through commission brokers. All private news from the crop country told of a light yield and of steadily advancing prices in spot markets. The information from spinning centres here and abroad proved to be of the best and aside from the big port movement for the day there was nothing to really disturb the market. On all weak spots Wall street and leading room bulls bought May and July options. Closed steady, with prices net two to seven points lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Cotton quiet at 8 9-16c; net receipts 7,971 bales; gross 6,753 bales; stock 110,997 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 8 9-16c; middling gulf 8 13-16; sales 200 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 8.17, January 8 15, February 8.19, March 8.24, April 8.28, May 8.30, June 8.24, July 8.31, August 8.21, September —.

Total to-day—Net receipts 65,723 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,971 bales; exports to France 6,814 bales; exports to the Continent 25 bales; stock 102,134 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 178,199 bales; exports to Great Britain 90,418 bales; exports to France 6,814 bales; exports to the Continent 35,344 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,449,130 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,650,011 bales; exports to France 380,065 bales; exports to the Continent 1,210,509 bales.

December 24.—Galveston, steady at 8 1-16c, net receipts 30,635 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8 1-16c, net receipts 2,725 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8 9-16c, net receipts 183 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7⅞c, net receipts 2,159 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8 13-16c, net receipts 208 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7 15-16c, net receipts 6,839 bales; New Orleans, steady at 8 1-16, net receipts 16,659 bales; Mobile, nominal at 7 15-16c, receipts 18 bales; Memphis, steady at 8c, net receipts 1,800 bales; Augusta, steady at 8 3-16c, net receipts 2,544 bales; Charleston, firm at 8c, net receipts 2,101 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—To day was a holiday on the Produce Exchange. Butter firm; creamery 16@25c; State dairy 15@23c. Eggs—Market steadier; State and Pennsylvania 29c; Southern at mark 23@27c. Potatoes steady; Maine $2 30@2 57; New York $2 00@2 50; Long Island $2 50@2 62½; Jersey sweets $2 25@3 00. Cabbage steady; Long Island Flat Dutch, per 100, $3 00@4 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4@4½c; other domestic 3½@3¾c. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12½c. Cheese quiet but firm; late made best large 9½c; late made best small 10@10½c Rice steady. Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 6 15-16c; mild dull; Cordova 7½@11c. Sugar—Raw easy; fair refin ing 3 3-16c; centrifugal 96 test, 3 31-32c; refined sugar unsettled.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24, 4:30 P. M.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices steady; American middling 4 21-32d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,700 bales American. Receipts 23,000 bales, including 17,500 bales American.

Futures opened and closed quiet; American middling (g. o. c.) December 4 36-64d seller; December and January 4 35-64d seller; January and February 4 34-64@4 35-64d seller; February and March 4 34-64@4 35-64d seller; March and April 4 34-64@4 35-64d seller; April and May 4 34-64@4 35-64d seller; May and June 4 34-64@4 35-64d seller; June and July 4 34-64d buyer; July and August 4 34-64d buyer; August and September 4 29-64@4 30-64d value.

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Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpott, George Harriss, Son & Co.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Addie P McFadden, 199 tons, Stewart, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 112 tons, Roberts, J A Springer & Co.

Abbie G Cole, 233 tons, Cole, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Hutitu, (Nor) 635 tons, Ellertsen, Heide & Co.

Albatross, (Nor) 491 tons, Rasmussen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—528 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 3 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—1,310 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 31 barrels rosin, 40 barrel tar, 73 barrels crude turpentine.

C. C. Railroad—89 bales cotton, 8 barrels rosin, 6 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—232 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 90 barrels rosin, 43 barrels tar.

Total—2,159 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 129 barrels rosin, 92 barrels tar, 79 barrels crude turpentine.

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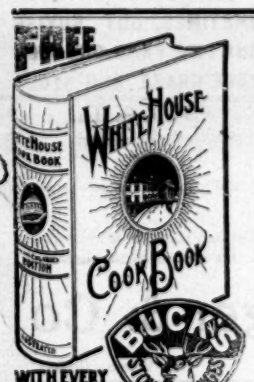

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WORLS WE SWALLOW

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE, YET WE CAN'T GET THEM OUT.

This Hitch in the Working of the Brain Is Called Aphasia In the Medical Profession—A Trick the Chinaman Uses For the Emergency.

Everybody knows what it is to have a word on the tip of the tongue and yet not be able to speak it. The word is known perfectly well, and yet we cannot for the life of us give it utterance. More often than not it is a common word in everyday use. But it will not be spoken when wanted. What is the secret of this "word forgetfulness?"

Doctors call it aphasia. They cannot explain it, but say it is a little hitch in the working of the brain or intellect. The Chinese, who have done so many quaint and clever things, recognized the difficulty thousands of years ago and invented a very ingenious way of making the best of things.

They manufactured a number of words and sentences that meant absolutely nothing, mere sound without sense. When a Chinaman in the course of conversation comes to a word that he has on the tip of his tongue, but cannot speak, he just makes use of the meaningless phrases invented for that purpose until he recalls the word he wants and goes on with the conversation.

The trick, for trick it is, is much in use in public speaking and certainly is an improvement on the "er—er—ers," coughings and throat clearings that so plentifully besprinkle our own after dinner orations. The speaker preserves his dignity and gives himself time for thought.

Very often the greater the desire to speak the missing word the greater the difficulty or sheer impossibility. The man in the Arabian story could not remember the words "Open sesame," although he was in danger of his life. There are many cases on record of soldiers, even officers, forgetting the password and being shot down by their own sentries. At the critical moment the all important word that they thought they knew as well as their own names escapes them. They struggle to recall it, but the very effort makes it more difficult, and they pay with their lives.

A man may sometimes be tortured and yet be unable to speak the word he most desires to utter. Spies have been captured and have gone to their death in silence not because they have not been eager to betray their comrades, but because under the stress and excitement of the situation they have totally forgotten the information they would convey. A celebrated case of this kind was made the subject of a play produced in London some years ago, called "A Question of Memory."

No doubt every reader will be able to recall instances in which he has suffered from this "word forgetfulness." One can often remember the initial letter of the word, but not the word itself. It is still on the tip of the tongue, even after one has given up the struggle to recollect it.

Actors sometimes forget a word or two in their parts that no effort of their own can give back to them at the moment. But the wings reached and the strain removed they are again immediately word perfect and at a loss to explain their forgetfulness. A whole part is sometimes forgotten. This usually happens after a very long run. During the run of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" Mrs. Patrick Campbell one night found herself on the stage as innocent of any knowledge of her part as any member of the audience. She made desperate efforts to "find herself," but it was no good. That performance she had to read the part through from beginning to end.

Names of people are the words that slip our memories most frequently. We see a face we know, and yet we cannot fit a name to it. We are shaken by the hand or slapped on the back, and all the while we are hard at work trying to think of the name of the person who is doing it. Kings are credited with royal memories, and it is rare to find a sovereign who has not a wonderful memory for faces. But he usually has some one at his elbow who can jog his memory for names.

It is not always safe to fish for a name wanted. When Ellen Terry and Henry Irving were in America one year, they met a gentleman who, they knew, had reason to expect that they could remember his name. But this they failed to do. So Miss Terry approached him and said: "Sir Henry and I cannot agree as to the exact spelling of your name. Will you please put us right?" "Certainly," was the reply. "It is J-o-n-e-s!"

Aphasia is divided by those who have studied the subject into "word blindness" and "word deafness." A man who is "word blind" may be able to pronounce the name of letters, but cannot understand the meanings of the words they form. A man who is "word deaf" can understand ordinary sounds and music, but cannot understand spoken words. His speech is often mere senseless jargon.

But the passing forgetfulness of a word has little to do with these more serious forms of the complaint. We swallow words under the influence of excitement or more often of fatigue. People getting better from a serious illness are tormented by the loss of common words. This is particularly the case after influenza. One of our leading statesmen after an attack of this malady suddenly lost the thread of his speech in the midst of a public discourse.

"Word forgetfulness" is, however, mainly the result of careless observation or of want of training. What we never knew well we very easily forget. An experienced police detective never forgets a face or name.—Pearson's.

Things Not Wanted.

Dogs, pianos and typewriters are the possessions most frequently advertised for sale at second hand, according to an advertising man. Cameras run these three hard in the sale of things desirable to get rid of, and bicycles come next.

Bicycles and cameras would probably head the list, so many people seem to wish to be rid of them, but their tenure of advertising popularity is usually brief. Household furniture, horses and carriages come next in the list. Then jewelry, watches, sewing machines and musical instruments.

Books are far down, almost the last in the list. Folks who have them usually seem to wish to keep them.—New York Sun.

The Charge Not Sustained.

"You say," pursued the chairman of the investigating committee, "that he resorted to no bribery whatever during the election so far as you know?"

"Yes, sir," replied the witness; "that's what I said."

"Did he not circulate several boxes of cigars?"

"Yes, sir, but them cigars wasn't bribes. Here's one of them. You try it."—Detroit Free Press.

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BUTCHERS ARE IMMUNE.

Meat Dealers, It Is Said, Never Die of Consumption.

"Butchers never die of consumption!" The big man with his sleeves rolled up, wielding the cleaver at the block, said this as he threw a beefsteak on the scale.

It sounded more like a trade superstition than a fact, but so far as diligent inquiry has been able to discover it is true, although not generally known outside of the meat chopping craft.

Butchers are no longer lived than men in other walks of life. They are subject to all the other ills that human flesh is heir to, but consumption they do not have. So far as a reporter was able to learn not a single case is on record of a butcher in this city being afflicted with the incurable wasting of the lungs which claims its hundreds of thousands of victims annually.

The fact is well known among butchers and has been often the subject of their comment, although none of them can give a reason for it.

"No," said a man who has swung sides and rounds in Washington market for the last 20 years; "I have had rheumatism and typhoid fever and lots of other things, but nothing has ever been out of gear with my lungs, and the same is true of every other butcher in this town. I know nearly all of them, and I never heard of one of them having consumption. They don't drink blood or take any especially good care of themselves either. I don't know why it should be so unless it's because the continual inhaling of an atmosphere of fresh meat is strengthening.

"I have often thought when hearing of consumptives going to Colorado and Egypt that I know of a climate nearer home that would do the business just as well. If they would stay in this stall for awhile and swing meat, they would get well quite as quickly as they would on the top of Pike's peak."—New York Mail and Express.

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Women Cannot Boss Each Other.

The old theory that woman is man's helper seems incorrigibly well founded, says E. S. Martin in McClure's Magazine. If the situation isn't satisfactory to her, there is no help for it, for the conditions it came out of seem to be eternal. Women may vote. They will be none the less man's helpers if they do. They never will band together to put man down and teach him his place. They will push him ahead if they can, they will pull him along when they must, they will influence him enormously, as they always have done, but they will never conspire together on any very great scale to make him play second fiddle. Some one has got to be master. Women in general will never agree to have women bosses so long as there are competent men for that use.

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At close of business, December 10th, 1901, condensed from report to The Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00	Capital	$ 25,000.00
Burglar Proof Safety Deposit Boxes	1.00	Interest reserve—accrued interest due depositors	4,000.00
Cash on hand and in banks	21,535.81	Profits—less expenses and taxes paid	40,181.54
Loans and Discounts	$836,525.79	Deposits	788,163.10
	$857,163.10		$857,163.10

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ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$1,097 399 89	Capital	$ 125,000 00
U. S. Bonds	268,900 00	Surplus etc	189 919 19
Real Estate	33,000 00	Circulation	98,100 00
Cash on hand and in banks	404,317 69	Deposits	1,388,591 21
	$1,763,619 40		$1,763,619 40

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TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:05 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:30 P. M., Pembroke 5:45 P. M., Maxton 6:12 P. M., Hamlet 7:15 P. M., Charlotte 10:30 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M., Hamlet at 7:20 A. M., arrives Maxton 8:39 A. M., Pembroke 9:00 A. M., Lumberton 9:54 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	10 35 p m	6 35 a m
Ar Monroe	12 1 a m	8 00 a m
Ar Charlotte		9 05 a m
Ar Chester	1 18 a m	9 45 a m
Ar Greenwood	3 43 a m	1 52 p m
Ar Athens	6 15 a m	4 15 p m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 a m	4 55 p m

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SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.35 p m	6 40 a m
Ar Columbia	1 05 a m	8 40 a m
Ar Savannah	4 40 a m	12 05 p m
Ar Jacksonville	9 0° a m	5 50 p m
Ar Tampa	8 40 p m	5.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	11.00 p m	7 40 a m
Ar Raleigh	2 00 a m	1 05 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	11 05 p m
Ar Portsmouth		
Ar Norfolk	7 15 a m	5 35 p m
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7 25 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 10 a m	10 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	11 55 a m
Ar Petersburg	5 04 a m	2 26 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	3 05 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	6 31 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 28 a m	11 20 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6 30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 9.10 a. m. takes passengers from train 81, leaving New York at 1.00 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10 40 p. m.; Portsmouth 5.00 p. m.; Norfolk 6.30 p. m.; Raleigh 5.55 a. m., arriving at Hamlet at 6.00 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 6.00 p. m.; Athens 11.28 p. m.; Chester 4.00 a. m.; Charlotte 5.00a. m.; Monroe 8.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.00 a. m.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro	11 58	.....
.....	4 52	Kinston	10 12	9 10
6 45	7 07	Newbern	9 27	8 52
7 09	7 07	Morehead City	7 52	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train, West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at New bern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.
2 30 P. M.	8 15 A. M.
6 30 P. M.	5 15 P. M.

SUNDAY TRAIN.

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2 30 P. M.	5 15 P. M.
6 30 P. M.	

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R. O. GRANT, Superintendent.

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Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co

Schedule in Effect Dec. 22, 1901.

NORTH BOUND.

DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.45 A. M., Warsaw 11.51 A. M., Goldsboro 12.20 P. M., Wilson 1.19 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.21 P. M. Weldon 4.53 P. M., Petersburg 6.46 P. M., Richmond 7.45 P. M., Norfolk 5.5 P. M., Washington 7.14 P. M., Baltimore 1.34 A. M., Philadelphia 4.18 A. M., New York 7.1 A. M., *Boston 8.0 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.22 P. M., Warsaw 8.40 P. M., Goldsboro 9.07 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., *Tarboro 9.31 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.33 P. M. Weldon 1.37 A. M., *Norfolk 1.40 P. M., Petersburg 3 18 A. M., Richmond 3.57 A. M., Washington 7 30 A. M., Baltimore 9 09 A. M., Philadelphia 11.14 A. M. New York 1.43 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.10 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY except Sunday 6.00 A. M. — No. 51—Due Lake Waccamaw 7.10 A. M., Chadbourn, 7.41 A. M., Marion 8.45 A. M., Florence 9.05 A. M., Lanes 11.26 A. M., Charleston 1.10 P. M.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M. Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.05 P. M., Sumter 9.18 P. M., Columbia 10.40 P. M. Denmark 6.14 A. M., Augusta 6.10 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 11.15 P. M., Savannah 2.50 A. M., Jacksonville 5.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10 30 A. M., Tampa 10.00 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.10 A. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.30 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.45 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.18 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston *1.30 P. M., New York *2.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.30 A. M., Baltimore 3.35 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 6.30 A. M., Petersburg 9.45 A. M., Norfolk 7.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M. Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.15 P. M. Warsaw 4.19 P. M., Magnolia 4.38 P. M.

DAILY 10.10 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston *1.30 night, New York *2.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.03 P. M., Baltimore 6.18 P. M., Washington 3.45 P. M., Richmond 5.23 P. M., Petersburg 7 49 P. M., *Norfolk 4.00 P. M., Weldon 6.38 P. M., *Tarboro 7.02 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.46 A. M. Leave Wilson 6 06 A. M., Goldsboro 7.31 A. M., Warsaw 8 01 A. M., Magnolia 8 37 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 63—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 50 A. M., Jacksonville 12.30 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY except Sunday 11.30 P. M. — No. 50—Leave Charleston 4.30 P. M. Lanes 6.06 P. M., Florence 6.15 P. M., Marion 8.54 P. M., Chadbourn 9.53 P. M. Lake Waccamaw 10.01 P. M.

DAILY 1.40 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.40 A. M., Sanford 1.10 P. M., Jacksonville 6.30 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 4.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.50 A. M. Augusta 6.30 P. M. Denmark 4.28 P. M., Columbia 6.03 A. M., Sumter 8.19 P. M. Florence 10.10 A. M., Marion 10.55 A. M., Chadbourn 11.58 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.30 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.32 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.30 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.50 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.10 A. M. Maxton 9.05 A. M., Red Springs 9.32 A. M., Parkton 10.05 A. M. arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.16 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 9.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10.18 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch leave Weldon 3.15 P. M., Halifax 3.50 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 4.10 P. M., Greenville 5.47 P. M., Kinston 6.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.30 A. M., Greenville 8.30 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.06 A. m., Weldon 11.30 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 A. M. and 1.45 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 4.10 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 11 10 A. M. and 5.52 P. M.; arrives Washington 12 30 A. M and 6.15 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 6.25 P. M., and 6.30 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 9.55 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5.10 A. M., arriving Smithfield 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7:00 A. M., arrives at Goldsboro 8:25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.33 A. M., 4.10 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.23 P. M., Spring Hope 11.06 A. M., 4.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 5.05 P. M., Nashville 11.49 A. M., 5.48 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.46 A. M., Dillon 10.55 A. M., Rowland 11.18 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.10 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.31 P. M., Latta 6.44 P. M., Pee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourn 12.01 P. M.; arrive Conway 2.20 P. M.; returning leave Conway 2.35 P. M. arrive Chadbourn 5.30 P. M. leave Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Elrod 6.10 A. M., returning leave Elrod 6.40 A. M.; arrive Chadbourn 11.25 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 6.30 P. M., Manning 6.56 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.40 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.10 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.43 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 5.40 A. M., *7.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., *8.30 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; *4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.06 A. M., *8.35 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 10.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M. Hartsville 9.55 P. M., Cheraw 11.45 A. M., Wadesboro 12.50 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.32 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 10.05 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.05 A. M. Bennettsville 7.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.15 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.30 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.28 A. M. Darlington 6.00 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.50 P. M., 11.10 P. M., arrive Selma 3.45 P. M., 11.59 P. M. Smithfield 5.03 P. M., Dunn 5.40 P. M. Fayetteville 6.30 P. M., 1.10 A. M., Rowland 6.10 P. M., returning leave Rowland 11.15 A. M. Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., 10.07 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 2.03 P. M. Selma 2.10 P. M., 11.25 P. M., arrive Wilson 3.57 P. M., 12.07 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.26 A.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 25.

AGAINST TH RAILROADS.

Interstate Commerce Decision in Case of Wholesale Lumber Dealers Versus the N. & W. and Other Roads.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day, in an opinion by Chairman Knapp, rendered its decision in the case of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association versus the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company and others. The following important facts appear in the decision:

Lumber in carloads is shipped from points in West Virginia and Southwestern Virginia to New York City over the Norfolk and Western railway to Hagerstown, and thence via the Pennsylvania railroad to destination, and over the Norfolk and Western to Shenandoah Junction and thence via the Baltimore and Ohio railroad under rates made by adding those of the N. & W. to Hagerstown and Shenandoah Junction a specific or arbitrary rate of thirteen cents per 100 pounds charged by the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio respectively therefrom. This specific rate was advanced from 12 to 13 cents in 1893 and the N. & W. charges were generally increased in 1899 and 1900 about 1½ cents per 100 pounds. Much lower rates on competing lumber have been and are maintained from neighboring points in the same shipping section to New York by the Baltimore and Ohio and by the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, connecting with the Baltimore and Ohio at Staunton and the Pennsylvania railroad at Washington. The Norfolk and Western line is considerably longer than the Chesapeake and Ohio line but present rates by the Norfolk and Western yield higher rates per ton per mile than those of the Chesapeake and Ohio line. The rates from N. & W. points to Philadelphia, Pa., are six cents lower than those for the ninety miles greater distance to New York, while on the C. & O. the difference in favor of Philadelphia against New York is only two cents.

Upon all the facts and circumstances the commission holds that the through rates complained of are unreasonable and unlawful, and that there should be an aggregate reduction in the through rates of 2¼ cents per 100 pounds.

ROOSEVELT AND HIS CABINET

Opinion Expressed That Gov. Shaw Will Accept the Treasury Portfolio—Will Secretary Wilson Remain?

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The cabinet was in session a little over an hour to day. Practically no business was transacted, the time being occupied in felicitations of the season. The President did not mention the fact that he had tendered the treasury portfolio to Governor Shaw at the meeting, but privately talked with Secretary Wilson about the matter, the latter expressing the opinion that Governor Shaw would accept. If Governor Shaw accepts, Secretary Gage will suit the incoming secretary's convenience about relinquishing his portfolio to him. Whenever Governor Shaw is ready to assume the duties of the position Secretary Gage will turn over the administration of the treasury to him. Secretary Gage has not yet announced what his plans for the future are. If Governor Shaw goes into the cabinet the question has been raised as to whether Secretary Wilson, who also comes from Iowa, will remain. On this point a cabinet officer is quoted as saying that the President is particularly desirous that Secretary Wilson shall continue in the cabinet. His work in the Department of Agriculture is highly appreciated by the farmers of the country and the President does not desire to lose him.

RESULT OF MENTAL STRAIN.

Lawyer Became Deranged and Shot and Seriously Wounded a Client.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 24—W. M. Little, a lawyer, former consul to Honduras under Cleveland, shot and seriously wounded William L. Dodd, president of the Southern Mutual Aid Association, to-day. Little had been representing Mr. Dodd, who is on trial on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes in connection with the Birmingham Debenture Redemption Company. Little became deranged as the result of mental strain in conducting the case, and he entered Dodd's room declaring that he (Little) was going to die. A pistol lay on a table and Little seized it and emptied every chamber at Dodd and his brother, James L. Dodd. Only one bullet took effect. Dodd will recover. Little comes of a prominent North Carolina family.

CHARLESTON'S EXPOSITION.

Live Stock Exhibit to Open in January Largest Ever Held in the South

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 24.—The exhibit of live stock at the exposition will be the largest ever held in the South. It will open on January 6th and will continue until January 20th. Already 1,000 entries have been made, and in the competition many of the most famous herds in the United States will be represented. The entries so far made come from seventeen States. Money premiums amounting to $15,000, which is now on deposit at the Bank of Charleston, will be paid to the successful contestants. George F. Weston, of Vanderbilt's Biltmore stock farm, is in charge of the live stock department.

William Waldorf Astor has donated £10,000 for the promotion of civilian rifle clubs in the United Kingdom.

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Great Excitement Prevails Everywhere in the Country, Particularly in Caracas.

SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS.

Engagement at Villa de Cura—Revolutionary Commander Defeated—Foreign Warships at the Ports—Germany's Ultimatum.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

FORT DE FRANCE, ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE, Dec. 24.—The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador left here during the night. Her destination is unknown.

The British steamer Ban Righ, said to be loaded with arms and ammunition intended for the adherents of Senor Matos, has arrived here from Antwerp, which port she left November 29th. Another revolutionary vessel has been signalled to the eastward of this island.

There was fighting yesterday in Venezuela, where the revolutionary movement is spreading. The engagement took place at Villa de Cura, about fifty miles from Caracas, and it is reported that the revolutionary commander, Luciano Mendoza, was defeated by the government troops.

Fighting has also occurred in the State of Carabobo, but definite news on the subject is difficult to obtain.

A dispute has arisen between the officials of the German railroad, running from Caracas to Valencia, and the government. All traffic is suspended between these points and the railroad stations are occupied by troops.

Great excitement prevails everywhere in Venezuela, particularly at Caracas. The situation is very serious.

The German cruiser Falke is at Porto Cabello, and the Dutch cruiser Utrecht is at La Guira.

German Ultimatum.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The announcement that Germany had sent an ultimatum to Venezuela has been conspicuously printed in the press here. Those newspapers maintaining the closest relations with the government affirm that this news is premature. While an ultimatum has not yet been delivered to Venezuela, they say, this step will soon be taken unless Venezuela yields to what are deemed here the reasonable demands of Germany.

The leading ultra Montane organ, the Cologne *Volks Zeitung*, in an extensive article on Germany's attitude toward the Monroe doctrine, asserts that the assurance of Dr. VonHollehen, the German ambassador to the United States, with regard to the Venezuelan matter indicate Germany's construction of the Monroe doctrine in a more absolute manner than has heretofore been done. This paper says Germany bows to the Monroe doctrine.

MACLAY DISCHARGED.

He Refused to Resign His Position in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Secretary Long has discharged Edgar Stanton Maclay from his position as a skilled laborer in the Brooklyn navy yard, Mr. Maclay having refused to resign when requested to do so.

Mr. Maclay is the author of a naval history, and its last volume sharply criticised Admiral Schley and denounced him as a caitiff, poltroon and coward.

Secretary Long's action was taken by direction of the President and followed a conference between the President and the secretary who took to the White House with him a letter from Maclay in response to the request for his resignation sent by the secretary last Saturday. In this letter Maclay submitted that he could not be removed or be compelled to resign without definite charges being made against him and without having an opportunity to answer those charges. Although the civil service rules give employes of the public service the opportunity of answering charges that may be preferred against them, the President exercised his prerogatives in the present instance and directed Maclay's removal, it being held that the latter was aware un-officially if not officially of the reasons which actuated the executive in taking the course determined upon.

A STREET DUEL.

Fight in a West Virginia Town—Two Men Killed and One Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WILLIAMSON, W. VA., Dec. 24.—Two men were killed and one wounded in a street duel at Dingess to-day. Several Logan county men rode into the town and while intoxicated rode up and down the business streets firing revolvers at random. In the party were Walter Adams and John Mullens, half-brothers. Constable John Dillon attempted to arrest the men when a regular street duel occurred, probably twenty shots being fired. Constable Dillon and John Mullens were killed instantly, and Adams was slightly wounded. The latter mounted his horse and escaped. A posse is in pursuit.

IRISHMEN IMPRISONED.

Members of the United Irish League, Including Two Members of Parliament.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—At Ballymote, county Sligo, to-day, Jasper Tulley, member of Parliament for South Leitrim, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, John O'Donnell, member of Parliament for South Mayo, to two months' imprisonment and other members of the United Irish League to terms ranging from a month to three months. All the sentences were imposed in connection with a recent meeting called to incite Lord de Freyne's tenants not to pay their rents.

OUTRAGES IN MACEDONIA.

Consuls Appeal to Embassies to Put a Stop to Such Crimes.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec 24.—Assassination and pillaging of villagers and outraging of the inhabitants have so increased recently in Macedonia that the consuls have appealed to the embassies to put a stop to such crimes. The foreign ministers have made urgent representations to the Porte of the danger of permitting the continuance of such acts.

THE ROOSEVELTS' CHRISTMAS

Big Turkeys Distributed to White House Employes — Many Presents to the Family—To-day's Programme.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Eighty seven big turkeys were distributed to the White House policemen, messengers, servants, gardeners, and stablemen today with the compliments of the President. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the season's compliments. The distribution was the largest ever made at the White House. President McKinley always gave turkeys to the married employes, but the list of recipients was never so large as that of to day. The turkeys were distributed by Henry Pinckney, the White House steward.

Express wagons, mail carriers and messengers bore numerous packages to the White House to day, presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. Many of the packages were for the children, who will not be allowed, however, to have them until to morrow.

The programme at the White House to-morrow will follow the custom of the family in former years. There will be no Christmas tree, as a tree never has been part of the celebration of Christmas in the Roosevelt family. The children, however, all hang up their stockings and they will arise early to morrow to visit them and ascertain what Santa Claus has left for them. Later in the morning the children will assemble in the library, there to receive gifts from their father and mother. In the afternoon the Roosevelt juveniles will go to the home of their uncle and aunt, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, to see a pretty Christmas tree and receive other presents. The Christmas dinner will be served at 7:30 and only the family will be present.

COAL SHORTAGE SITUATION.

A Movement Which May Result in a General Increase of Wages of Railroad Trainmen.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—At a special meeting of the General Managers' Association held here to-day, a movement was started which may result in a general increase in the wages of trainmen, enginemen, firemen and switchmen on all big railroad systems east of Chicago.

The meeting was called at the request of the Pennsylvania Company, the causes being the coal shortage in Chicago and other cities, shortage of cars and power and the congested condition of traffic in general. The coal situation, however, was the moving cause for the meeting, and a discussion regarding it led to a canvass of the entire situation.

In the opinion of a majority of the general managers, the general congestion is due in a measure to inefficiency of the service rendered by employes, and this view led to a discussion of the labor and wages situation from a railroad standpoint. Although no formal resolution was passed upon the subject, it was generally agreed that a raise in the wages of employes would do much toward stimulating them to better work, which in turn would help congested conditions as well as tend to prevent them.

CHILI AND ARGENTINE.

Believed That There Will be a Peaceful Settlement of the Dispute.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Encouraging news has reached the State Department from Buenos Ayres and the officials have renewed confidence that there will be peaceful settlement of the serious dispute between Chili and Argentine. Mr. Lord, United States minister at Buenos Ayres, has reported by cable that the Argentine government has concluded not to press the demands upon Chili which threatened to lead to hostilities, but instead has decided to allow the issue to go before the boundary commission, which has for several years been engaged in the delimitation of the boundary. Moreover, Mr. Lord reports that while the Argentine minister to Chili has arrived in Buenos Ayres, the Argentine legation at Santiago de Chili has not been closed and consequently diplomatic relations between the two countries have not been interrupted as was supposed from the report from our minister in Chili.

Negotiations Renewed.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.—Senor Alcorta, Argentine minister of foreign affairs, has sent a telegraphic communication to Florenco L. Dominguez, the minister of Argentina to Great Britain, in which he informs the latter of the renewal of conciliatory negotiations between Argentina and Chili. The step was taken in order that Senor Domingeez may officially inform the arbitration commission, and other persons interested in the matter, of the new developments in the situation.

THE CAR SHORTAGE.

Many Mills in the Pittsburg District Forced to Shut Down.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 24.—The car shortage in the Pittsburg district is worse than ever before, and as a result many mills are shut down or only in partial operation. All of the mills along the Alleghony valley road, including the Carnegie City mills, have suspended, and it is probable that the big Carnegie Company plant at Homestead and Duquesne will be unable to resume work for a week or more after the Christmas holiday shut-down. President Schwab during his recent visit here said $3,000,000 worth of finished product was piled up in the yards of these two concerns, with no present prospect of removal. Practically all of the furnaces in Mahoning and Shenango valleys are shut down because of inability to get raw material.

WEST VIRGINIA TOWN.

Almost Entire Business Portion Destroyed by Fire—Loss $75,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DUNLOW, W. VA., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in the postoffice building last night and, notwithstanding the heavy rain, spread so rapidly that almost the entire business portion of the town was consumed. Among the buildings burned were the postoffice, Copley's dry goods store, Davis' clothing store and Freeman's harness and saddlery store. One residence and a half dozen small buildings were also consumed. The loss is $75,000, covered by about one-fourth insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

At the Roosevelt hospital in New York City it was said last night that the condition of Mrs. Frank Leslie was unchanged.

CONDITIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Filipino General and Other Insurgent Chiefs Surrender to Americans.

ENGAGEMENT IN BATANGAS.

A Number of the Filipinos Killed—Military Prison Re-established at Subig Bay—Col. Dougherty Sweeping Laguna Province.

By Cable to the Morning Star

MANILA, Dec. 24.—The Filipino General Samson and all the other insurgent chiefs on the island of Bohol have surrendered with 28 cannon and forty five guns.

During an engagement in Batangas province between the insurgents and a detachment of the Twenty-first infantry under Lieut. Edgar T. Conley, one American private was badly wounded. A number of the enemy were killed.

The military prison at Subig bay has been re-established. A large number of Filipinos captured in Laguna and Batangas provinces have been sent there.

The column under Col. Dougherty is making a clean sweep of Laguna province, burning all the insurgents' barracks that are found and a number of small native hamlets. Col. Dougherty has taken many prisoners and the insurgent loss of life during his operations has been heavy.

A Court Martial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The War Department has received from the Philippines the records of a court martial by which three natives were tried for implication in the murder of five American soldiers prisoners. One of the Filipinos was Timoto Dhalan, a commandante of the insurgent forces, who ordered Manuel Gonzales, a lieutenant of insurgents, to kill the presidente of the pueblo of San Miguel de Mayumo, province of Bulacan. Gonzales, in command of a band of insurgents, successfully ambushed a detachment of the Thirty-fifth volunteer infantry, taking five of the American soldiers prisoners. The Americans had been acting as a guard for the presidente of Miguel de Mayumo, and he, too, passed into the hands of the insurgents. The Americans captured and killed were Privates John T. Hyckman, Company B; William A. Smith, Company C; Hamlet Jarvis, Company C; Elmer Davis, Company E, and Frank H. Wilson, Company E. The presidente was turned over to a small band of insurgents and put to death with a dagger. The Americans were placed in charge of an insurgent sergeant, who bound their hands and took them into a marsh, called the Candaba swamp, where they were struck with bolos until dead. There was an attempt on the part of each of the three Filipinos to shift the responsibility for the crime at the trial. Certain details of the testimony adduced brought out the baseness of the

The Filipino Character.

For instance Commandante Dhalan, in ordering the ambuscade, gave the following directions to Lieutenant Gonzales: "Separate Jose Buencamio (the President) from the Americans, and with these Americans do as if you were to take them to the general; but when you reach the tall grass, do with them what we are accustomed to do." He finished his directions for the murders with these words. "You will receive five pesos for the soldiers. God keep your life many years."

In passing upon the findings in the case of the insurgent commandante General Chaffee said: "His open appeal to the base instincts of his soldiers by promising reward for the execution of his inhuman command, aggravates his offence and marks the accused as one so lost to the better instincts of his race as to preclude an appeal to clemency."

In Dhalan's case and that of Gonzales, Gen. Chaffee approved the sentences of death by hanging imposed by the military commission. In that of Clemente de La Cruz, the sergeant who personally directed the murder of the prisoners, he commuted the death sentence to imprisonment for life at hard labor.

Lopez Hanged.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—Senor Lopez, who was arrested in Batangas province for treasonable communication with the insurgents, has been hanged. He was a brother of Sixto Lopez, Aguinaldo's European representative, and a wealthy merchant in Manila and Batangas.

In 1898, 173 Spanish prisoners were handed over to Senor Lopez, who was to conduct them to a place of safety. He ordered the entire party to be cut down with bolos, and, it is alleged, assisted in the slaughter. He is said also to have robbed the dead bodies. Only thirty of the Spaniards escaped.

FIRE AT M'CONNELLSVILLE.

Almost an Entire Square Wiped Out. Loss About $75,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 24.—Almost an entire square was wiped out by fire here to day. The loss is conservatively estimated at $75,000. The insurance in many instances does not half cover the loss. The fire lasted from one until five o'clock, and for several hours it looked as if all the dense down town district would be wiped out. By hard and heroic work the firemen kept the flames within the confines of one square, which is bounded by West Main street, Arch street and Orchard alley. The entire square was owned by the Wilkey estate, and the buildings were occupied by about thirty tenants, nearly all of whom were burned out. The heaviest loss is the furniture store of B. P. Wallace, which was entirely destroyed. This stock was valued at $38,000 and was insured for $12,000 It was in this store that the fire was started by some children. To-night the firemen are still watching the fire, as they fear the wind that is blowing from the mountains.

A PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

British Razed a Fort in South Baluchistan—Outlaws' Stronghold.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.—A British punitive expedition has razed Nodiz fort, in South Baluchistan, which had long been the stronghold of a fierce band of outlaws. The latter held out until the fort was demolished by guns. About a dozen men were buried in the ruins, five others were killed, fourteen were wounded and sixty-three were captured. The British casualties were three men killed and eight wounded.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mrs. Maude McCormick, known to the public as Miss Maude Miller, an actress, and daughter of Joaquin Miller, the poet, died of heart trouble, at Oakland, Cal.

Captain Frederick S. Foltz, second cavalry, has been appointed captain of the port of Havana, relieving Lieutenant Commander Lucien Young, United States navy.

United States Senator W. J. Sewell is reported by his physicians as holding his own. One of his physicians said that no change for the worse is at present anticipated.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch dated Johannesburg, December 23d, reports the week's results as being 45 Boers killed, 25 wounded, 310 made prisoners and 25 surrendered.

Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Akron $70,000 for a free public library, the city to guarantee $7,000 annually to maintain it. The offer will probably be accepted.

Col. W. A. Hemphill, president of the Southern Industrial Association, announces that the convention of that society called for Memphis during January has been postponed.

While Mr. Cleveland's health is such as to entirely relieve his friends from any apprehensions, he is yet far from well, and has not been able to leave his rooms for nearly five months.

Captain Francis A. Cook, who is ill at the United States naval hospital, Washington, D.C., is improving slowly. His physician states that it will be two weeks before he will be able to be out.

A Cape Town dispatch says: At the annual meeting of the DeBeers Mining Company, the chairman announced that the gross profits for the year were £2,750,000, the production being £4,500,000.

Capt. Louis Sarcho, at Chicago, last night broke the world's record for remaining under water in a diving suit. In a big tank at the coliseum he lay immersed under ten feet of water for nine hours.

Comptroller Coler made public yesterday, the losses so far discovered in the finance department through the defalcations of Charles P. Chipp and Edward S. Taylor, New York city. The amount so far is $30,000.

Arthur Eagan, of Chicago, 17-year old hero of twenty-three life-saving exploits on Lake Michigan, has been decorated by Edward VII, King of England, for his heroism, receiving a gold medal of the Royal Humane Society.

Notices are posted in the iron works mills, Fall River, Mass., by M. C. D. Borden, owner, announcing that the operatives will receive as a Christmas gift, an amount equivalent to an increase of ten per cent. in wages for six weeks.

The consolidation of twenty-five companies controlling the principal gypsum fields of the United States has been effected under the name of the United States Gypsum Company. The company has a paid up capital of $10,000,000.

Judge Johnson, of the district court, yesterday notified the proprietors of pool rooms and bucket shops operating in Denver, Col., and the Denver Mining Stock Exchange, through the sheriff, that they must discontinue business at once.

Among the stock companies which have been incorporated at Albany, N Y, is the National Abrasive Manufacturing Company, of New York city, to develop mines and acquire mining rights in North Carolina and elsewhere. Capital $1,500,000.

A general order issued by the Navy Department sets apart as a naval reservation certain lands on Culebra Island, heretofore selected as a naval reserve. The island lies to the eastward of Porto Rico, and came under the flag as one of the dependencies of that island.

The Union Traction Company, of Philadelphia, which contols every street car line in the city and employs upwards of five thousand motormen and conductors posted notice last night that the company has decided to increase the wages of the motormen and conductors from 18 to 19 cents an hour.

The Indiana Railway Company, of South Bend, posted an order yesterday giving an increase of wages to the motormen, conductors and all power station employes engaged by the hour. The raise is the second within a few years and is an increase in the wages of the employes of about $10,000 a year.

LONG FIGHT ENDED.

The Machinists' Strike in Chicago is About to be Settled.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—It is stated that the machinists' strike in Chicago, which has involved 400 Union workmen since it started seven months ago, is about settled. It is said the Allis Chalmers Company has agreed to return to the nine-hour day, which leaves the question of wages, the taking back of the strikers, and the disposition of the men who took the strikers' places to be decided. The Union men have dismissed the conspiracy charge recently entered against W. J. Chalmers. It is said that the strike so far has cost the Allis-Chalmers Company $300,000, and the Union $30,000 in carrying on the fight, to say nothing of the heavy loss in wages.

The strike, while a local affair, has been regarded as a test of strength between the International Association of Machinists and the National Metal Trades Association.

LIEUT. GEN. MILES.

Declines to Discuss the Reprimand Given Him by the Secretary of War.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles returned to the city to-day from his brief visit to New York. The General declined to discuss the question of the reprimand given him by the Secretary of War for his published observations on the report of the verdict of the court of inquiry in the Schley case, and in reply to inquiries as to his future course in the matter said he had no statement to make. He did say, however, that the report that he would apply for a court of inquiry was entirely unauthorized,

Domestic Joys.

Meeks—My wife prefers coffee for breakfast and I prefer tea.

Weeks—Then I suppose you have both?

Meeks—Oh, no. We compromise.

Weeks—In what way?

Meeks—We compromise on coffee.—Chicago News.

Milk and Water.

"Pa," said little Willie, "why do they speak of the 'milk in the cocoanut?' It's more like water."

"Exactly," replied Mr. Citiman. "And that's why they call it milk, very probably."—Philadelphia Record.

What has become of the old fashioned child that cried so hard that it held its breath?—Atchison Globe.

HIS START IN LIFE.

"DOC" HARTMAN AND HIS WONDERFUL GREASE ERADICATOR.

With Soap Candles and Bottles of Rainwater He Fooled the Public and Laid the Foundations of a Substantial Fortune.

"Talk about your self made men," said an old timer among a party of horsemen gathered in one of the speedway inns, "I don't think any of 'em can equal the early experiences of Tim Hartman, who died in St. Louis many years ago, leaving nearly a million dollars to be fought over by his heirs. He made his first good sized pile on patent medicines, then he picked up a great deal more on real estate, and at last he rounded out with speculation in Montana copper, but he was known as 'Doc' Hartman to the time of his death by his few intimate friends.

"But the story that I'm going to tell, and the one which he often told himself, concerns his very earliest experiences in the accumulation of money. Tim Hartman started life with $1. He kicked around as a barefooted boy—and a pretty mean one, too—in a little town in Connecticut until he was 18 years old, and at that time he had become so fresh and so full of wind and general cussedness that his father one day told him he was no good, never had been and never would amount to a picayune. The old gentleman, just to carry out the bluff, told Tim that he had a good mind to cut him off with a dollar and make him earn his own living. Tim straightened up and called the bluff. He told the old man that he would take the dollar and get out then and there and hustle for himself. The old man handed him a crisp $1 bill and told him that he'd be glad to see him make a fortune with it.

"The first thing that cuss did was to go about in a few back yards that he knew of and gather together a lot of empty bottles which were of no use to anybody. Then, for 10 cents, he bought a large cake of a kind of white soap that was then, and still is, on the market. He melted this soap and, after borrowing an ancient pair of candle molds from an old granny in the neighborhood, made two beautiful looking candles of soap. He next filled his bottles full of choice rainwater. Then he made for himself one of those little three legged tables like the chuck-a-luck and shell game men use outside the circus, and struck out on foot for a county fair that was being held about 40 miles away.

"When he got there, he put up his little table outside the grounds, where the crowd was pretty thick, lighted one of his soap candles and began to extol the virtues of 'Dr. Hartman's Famous Grease Eradicator,' contained in the bottles set before him.

"'Now, ladies and gentlemen,' he would shout in a stentorian but plausible voice, 'this marvelous liquid, so harmless that it can be drunk with impunity by the smallest infant and yet so penetrating that it will seek out and destroy stains and discolorations from the most refractory substance, was discovered by accident by the famous scientist, Dr. Hartman, the eminent scholar, while he was wandering o'er the wilds of Patagonia. It is colorless, you see, as the waters from heaven, and yet observe the effects of its startling properties!'

"At this point Tim would reach for his soap candle and, inverting it, would smear a lot of the grease over the sleeve of his coat.

"'Now, every one of you knows, ladies and gentlemen,' he would continue, reaching over and uncorking a bottle of his rainwater, 'that there is nothing so penetrating and ineffaceable as the grease from a candle, and yet it is a stain that we are all likely to suffer almost every evening of our lives while toying with that common article of the household, the candle. You will observe that my sleeve is smeared with the annoying substance. Behold'—

"Here that country bred fakir would spill a couple of drops of his rainwater on the soap and with a rub or two would produce a beautiful lather. Another swipe and the soap would have entirely disappeared from the sleeve, leaving not a trace.

"'Now, we make this famous eradicator in such enormous quantities,' Tim would continue, 'that in order to introduce it into every home in this broad land we will dispense with it at the absurdly low price of 5 cents, a nickel a bottle. Step right up! Step right up!'

"Then, when the public was surging forward to purchase the rainwater, Tim would pause occasionally to drink a bottle of it, just to show that it was absolutely harmless.

"Well, the stuff went like hot cakes. When Tim's bottles were all exhausted, he bought more, and when the fair was over he went to another and another until he had traveled all over the country. Then, in some way or other, I don't know how, he got hold of some old patent medicine, and, being a genius, of course he made a big go of it. So that's the way Tim Hartman almost became a millionaire."—New York Times.

Evarts and the Author.

When a popular young author came to see William M. Evarts while he was secretary of state in behalf of a consulship for which he was an applicant, Mr. Evarts congratulated him on the fame which he had acquired, but hastened to add, "Although you have laurels on your brows, I suppose you can't browse on your laurels."

Without a Ring.

A wedding without a ring seems incongruous, but in Cadiz, Spain, no ring is used. After the ceremony the bridegroom moves the flower in his bride's hair from left to right, for in various parts of Spain to wear a rose above your right ear is to proclaim yourself a wife. Thus the rose takes the place of the ring.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ Notices For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 30 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

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Wanted—Immediately, three gallons best quality Sorghum. Apply at the STAR office. dec 3 tf

The Dixie Cafe—Most popular place in town for quick lunches, meals and everything to refresh the inner man. Tables always supplied with oysters and game. Orders sent anywhere in the city. S. F. Harmon, proprietor, Princess street. dec 6 tf

For the Next 30 Days I will sell at 10 per cent. discount, for cash, all Buggies, Carts, Drays and Wagons; also, Harness of all kinds, Whips, Robes and Collars. F. H. Hayden, Third street, opposite Court House. nov 17 tf

Notice—I have just received car of Jamaica Bananas. Also have Mountain Apples, Cabbage, Sutter, Potatoes, Onions and all kinds of country produce. A. S. Winstead, 113 North Second street. oct 4 tf

Choice Timothy Hay, Clover Hay, Straw, Fresh ground Meal, Pearl Hominy, Flour, Grain and everything in the Feed line for horses, cows and chickens. John S. McEachern Sons, 211 Market street. Telephones No. 38. jy 6 tf

Old Newspapers for sale by the hundred at the STAR OFFICE. Excellent for underlaying carpets, or for wrapping paper. oct 9 tf

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Come on, girls, every one.
We have the same tale to tell,
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Christmas cards and New Year Calendars by the thousand, from 1c to $1 each. Story books, novels, and children's books from 5c to 50c. Standard cloth bound, gold trimmed works, worth 75c; my price 25c. Henty's Books for Boys, from 5c to 25c.

Kid Gloves for the Ladies. Five hundred pairs for 69c, 75c and $1. Three hundred pieces fine quadruple plate Silverware for 25c a piece—beautiful new goods. Some silver presents for Gentlemen; $1 each.

Manicure sets, Card cases, Necktie cases, Albums, Pictures, Picture frames, in every style, from 10c up. Hat racks, 10c each; Towel racks, 10c. Velocipedes, Go-Carts, Goat Sulkys. Toys, Toys. This is Santa Claus' headquarters for the Girls and Boys. Buck and saw for 10c up to 50c. Air rifles of all styles.

Blank Cartridge Pistols. 50 dozen Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs. 500 boxes Stationery for presents, from 5c to $1.00. 75 warranted pure Gold Set Rings, for $1.50 to $2.50; worth three times the money—set with Diamonds and other valuable stones. All styles Christmas tree ornaments—holders and candles. Christmas Shoe for babies. Little Moccasins for 10c. Little Colored Shoes with buttons to match, for 25c; worth 50c elsewhere.

Two thousand Suits of Men's and Boys' Clothing to sell—Overcoats and Macintoshes. In this line we have cut the price all the way down the line. We have good Suits for Men as low as $2.25 and Suits worth $20.00 for $12.50. We have five hundred Men's new styles Hats, elegant styles, others get $2.00 and $2.50 for; our price $1.25 and $1.50. 200 new Sample Hats to close out at less than first cost; 100 Ladies' Pearl and Silver Trimmed Umbrellas, worth $1.50 for 98c this week. Our regular $2.50 fine Silk Umbrellas this week for $1.48. We have good Umbrellas as low as 50c, good Handles and Steel Rods.

In our Millinery Department this is the busiest season of the year. We have just received twelve hundred fine new Hats for ladies—this Fall's styles—that we are selling for less than half price—fine Hats that we sold for $1.00, we are now selling for 50c. Hats that sold for 50c, now 25c. Also, received 224 dozen nice new up-to-date Breasts and Plumes and Fancy Feathers—nice long Breasts that sold for 50c, we are now selling for 25c. Back Plumes from 15c up to $6.00 each. Fancy Breasts, in all colors, at 15c. Long Gray Padded Breasts that others sell for 90c, we sell for 55c. We trim all Hats free that we sell.

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